

**WORLD TRADE CENTER COLLAPSE INVESTIGATION**

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on the Investigation of the World Trade Center Collapse: Findings, Recommendations and Next Steps. Testimony was heard from William Jeffrey, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1721, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters; H.R. 3963, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the authorization of appropriations for Long Island Sound; and H.R. 4125, To permit the Administrator of General Services to make repairs and lease space without approval of a prospectus if the repair or lease is required as a result of damages to buildings or property attributable to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

The Committee also approved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; a Natural Resources Conservation Service Resolution; and GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2006.

The Committee approved recommendations for transmittal to the Committee on the Budget to comply with Reconciliation Directive included in Section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

**BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Approved Entitlement Reconciliation Recommendations, as amended, for transmission to the Committee on the Budget in compliance with the reconciliation directive in section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

**MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Military Intelligence Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

**Joint Meetings****U.S. INTERESTS**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* On Tuesday, October 25, Commission concluded a hearing to examine how the United States can best utilize the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in advancing the interests

of the United States, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

**APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE**

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2005**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Forest and Rangeland Research Program of the USDA Forest Service, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Armed Services:* closed business meeting to mark up S. 1803, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine Administration's response to hurricane recovery efforts related to energy and to discuss energy policy, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings to examine the status of World Trade Organization negotiations, 2 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1057, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, S. 1003, to amend the Act of December 22, 1974, S. 692, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in northwestern New Mexico by resolving a dispute associated with coal preference right lease interests on the land, S. 1892, to amend Public Law 107-153 to modify a certain date, and S. 1219, to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, S. 1789, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of

data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, S. 1699, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks, S. 1095, to amend chapter 113 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify the prohibition on the trafficking in goods or services, H.R. 683, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment, S. 1787, to provide bankruptcy relief for victims of natural disasters, S. 1647, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide relief to victims of Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters, S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, and the nominations: of Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Wan J. Kim, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Sue Ellen Wooldridge, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Thomas O. Barnett, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine the rising number of disabled veterans deemed unemployable relating to the VA's individual unemployment benefit, 2 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture*, to consider reconciliation instructions pursuant to the Conference Report to accompany H. Con. Res. 65, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Asymmetric and Unconventional Threats Panel, hearing on Cyber Security, Information Assurance and Information Superiority, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, to mark up amendments to the Family Education Reimbursement Act of 2005 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to mark up Title II, Medicaid, Katrina Health Care Relief, and Katrina and Rita Energy Relief, of Budget reconciliation recommendations, 8 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, to consider the following measures: H. Con. Res. 257, Expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to a moratorium on the payment of principal or interest on certain mortgage loans, small business loans, and consumer loans for residents of a Federal disaster area; H.R. 3909, Hurricane Check Cashing Relief Act of 2005; the National Flood Insurance Program Further Enhanced Borrowing Authority Act of 2005; H.R. 3505, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2005; "Recommendations of the Committee on Financial Services for Reconciliation for FY06: Deposit Insurance Reform;" and "Recommendations of the Com-

mittee on Financial Services for Reconciliation for FY06: FHA Asset Disposition," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security Second-State Review: The Role of the Chief Medical Officer," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "Nuclear Incident Response Teams," 1 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing on Lifting the Veil: Getting the Refugees Out, Getting Our Message In: An Update on the Implementation of the North Korean Human Rights Act, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Non-proliferation, hearing on the U.S. Counterterrorism Strategy Update, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on U.S. Security Policy in Central Asia, 10:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1751, Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 4128, Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2005; and H.R. 4093, Federal Judgeship and Administrative Efficiency Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, hearing on H.R. 3405, Strengthening the Ownership of Private Property Act of 2005, 10 a.m., and to hold an oversight hearing on the Operations of the Regional Fishery Management Councils and the Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1090, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representative; H.R. 3603, Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act; H.R. 3817, Valle Vidal Protection Act of 2005; and H.R. 4084, to amend the Forest Service use and occupancy permit program to restore the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to utilize the special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the establishment and operation of marinas in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Space and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability of the Committee on Government Reform, joint hearing on Financial Management at NASA: Challenges and Next Steps, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Rebuilding Highway and Transit Infrastructure on the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina-State and Local Officials, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Reducing Hurricane and Flood Risk in the Nation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee Terrorism, Human Intelligence, and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on New York City Terrorism Threat Reporting, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina*, hearing entitled “Hurricane Katrina: Preparedness and Response by the Depart-

ment of Defense, the Coast Guard, and the National Guard of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: meeting of conferees on H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., S-207, Capitol.